PTO/SB/08A (08-03) Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

Sheet

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

luea se many chapte se naraceary)

Complete if Known Application Number Filing Date August 23, 2006 First Named Inventor Yoichi NOGATA et al. Art Unit Examiner Name Attorney Docket Number 1333.46520X00

			U.S. PATENT I	OCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials'	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		US-			(iguica Appeai
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Τ ⁶	
7E.G./		JP 11-18707	01/26/1999	Asahi Beer Moruto KK		Abs	
		JP 2002-335891	11/26/2002	Nitto Flour Milling		Abs	
***************************************		JP 2003-159017	06/03/2003	Best Amenity KK		Abs	
		JP 2002-281922	10/02/2002	Hayashibara Biochem		Abs	
		JP 9-172974	07/08/1997	Ishibashi Kogyo KK		Abs	
\/		JP 61-170357	08/01/1986	Hamada Harukichi		Abs	
V		JP 2002-371002	12/26/2002	Kirin Brewery		Abs	

Examiner	/Elizabeth Gwartney/	Date	11/09/2009
Signature	/Liizabeiii Owaitiieji	Considered	11/03/2003

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the senal number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.